

housing. He was strongly committed to working to combat poverty and ensuring respect for the civil rights of all.

After 12 years as mayor, he reentered life as a private citizen, but continued to champion these ideals through community action. A true public servant, he was lauded by friends and foes alike for his principled behavior, and for his evident commitment to seeking the best solutions to the problems we face as a community. I am honored to pay tribute to him, and to thank him and his family for their efforts to make Milwaukee and the Fourth Congressional District a better place in which to live for everyone.

A MODEL OF GENEROSITY

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, this past week the Visiting Nurses Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties announced that it received a generous gift of \$1 million from Lois McClure. It is what we have come to expect of Mrs. McClure. She, along with her husband, J. Warren McClure, who died in April 2004, has sustained and encouraged a great variety of community-building in the State of Vermont. From support for the hungry and the homeless to the preservation of Vermont history, from concern with teenage mothers to grants to champion Lake Champlain and its heritage, Lois McClure has used her substantial resources to make Vermont a better and more caring place to live.

In addition to the remarkable donation to the VNA which was recently announced, let me cite only a partial listing of the donations that Lois McClure and J. Warren McClure have given to support Vermont and Vermonters. One million dollars to the Burlington Community Land Trust, the first municipally-funded land trust in the Nation. One million dollars to the Vermont Historical Society for the study of Vermont history, and \$100,000 for the Rokeby Museum which preserves that history, as does the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, also a recipient of McClure funds. And \$1 million to renovate the USS *Ticonderoga* at the Shelburne Museum, along with generous funding to build an 88-foot working replica of a sailing canal boat, appropriately christened the Lois McClure. Two and a half million dollars to the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain to study and preserve and educate people about the lake on Vermont's western border. Education? Generous grants to Vermont's St. Michael's College, Champlain College, the Snelling Center for Government, and the UVM Bailey-Howe Library. Money for preserving our agricultural tradition to Shelburne Farms, for supporting community philanthropy for the Vermont Community Foundation, for improving health care on every level to the Vermont-New Hampshire Red Cross, generous gifts to the Vermont Respite House and to the Fletcher-Allen Hospital.

And money to build community, especially focused on the needs of the elderly, children and the homeless: To establish the McClure Multigenerational Center in Burlington, to support the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, and to the Baird Center for Children and Fam-

ilies and the Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) in Burlington.

Many people work to make Vermont a special place. They tend to those in need and feed the hungry. They educate young people and secure the health of all of us. They remind us of our past and give us a firm foundation to move securely into the future. Lois McClure is just one of those many, one of the countless generous people in our state. But, always, financial support enables the work that we all do together to build and strengthen our communities. Time and again Lois McClure and her late husband have supported the efforts of those who care, and provided funds for those in need. And for that we thank her, and honor her.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL DONALD P. LAUZON

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Donald P. Lauzon of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers upon both the completion of his command as the District Engineer for the Detroit District and also upon his retirement from distinguished service with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Colonel Lauzon earned his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and is a Distinguished Military Graduate from Rhode Island College, Providence, RI; a Masters of Military Operational Art and Science from the United States Air Force Air University on the historic Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL, as well as a Masters Degree in Construction Management from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army in 1986.

Lauzon has served with distinction abroad in Bosnia, Iraq and Germany. His assignments include a tour in Bosnia serving on both 1st Infantry Division and 1st Armor Divisions' General Staff at Camp Eagle, Tuzla, and in Desert Shield/Storm as the Assistant Operations Officer and Battalion Battle Captain in support of the 20th Engineer Brigade. As a Lieutenant, he served as a platoon leader and Company Executive Officer of the 547th Combat Engineer Battalion, Germany.

He has also served in a wide array of assignments in the U.S., including the Chief of Operations Branch, Defense Mapping School, Fort Belvoir, VA; Battalion Executive Officer, 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power); Executive Officer, Deputy Chief of Engineers, Headquarters' USACE, Washington, DC; Resident Engineer for Fort Dix/McGuire AFB of the New York District; and as Company Commander of the 299th Engineer Battalion at both Fort Carson, Colorado and Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Immediately prior to arriving in Detroit, LTC Lauzon served as Chief of the Department of Military Training, National Geospatial and Intelligence Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Colonel Lauzon is a recipient of the Bronze Star. His other numerous citations include: the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal, 4th award; Army Commendation Medal, 4th award; Army Achieve-

ment Medal, 3rd award; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; South-West Asia Medal with 2 stars; Kuwaiti Liberation Medal; NATO Ribbon; Armed Forces Service Ribbon and the Meritorious Unit Citation. His badges include Basic parachute and Air Assault.

He served as the Commander, Detroit District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 2004 to 2006. My district, which is southwest Michigan, was fortunate to finally have a Detroit District Commander who really paid attention to the needs of the small communities on Lake Michigan. During his tenure, there was significant progress made in the dredging of the St. Joseph, Michigan harbor for the first time in many years. The entire community appreciated the diligence of Colonel Lauzon in dealing with the issues that were most important to us.

I wish to personally thank Colonel Lauzon for not only his service to the country, but particularly for his assistance to the great State of Michigan over the last 2 years. I wish him much success in his future endeavors, particularly on the golf course.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID E.A. JOHNSON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and thank Lieutenant Colonel David E.A. Johnson for his 22 years of service to the United States, and to commend him on an exemplary career with the United States Army.

LTC Johnson entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1980 where he graduated in 1984 in the top 15 percent of his class. He later became one of 23 out of 124 qualified officer candidates to graduate from the Special Forces Detachment Officers Qualification Course. He was immediately assigned to command a Special Forces "A-Team" in the 5th Special Forces Group in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In 2000, he served as an Army legislative liaison in the House Liaison Division where he planned, coordinated and escorted Congressional Delegations on fact-finding missions to over 28 countries and seven States. In 2002, LTC Johnson was selected as an Army Strategist to augment Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—North in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as Chief of Plans and Current Plans. In Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, he has transformed Special Operations Theater Support Element procedures, integrating General Purpose and Special Operations Forces and has been a key leader of logistics transformation.

Overall, LTC Johnson has earned over 36 separate combat and peacetime awards as well as nearly every special skill badge authorized. He has shown consistent excellence in leadership, planning, and innovation, while making a permanent impact on Special Operations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring Lieutenant Colonel David E.A. Johnson and thanking him for the countless sacrifices he has made for this Nation,

and the 22 years of remarkable service in the United States Army. May he know that this body and his Nation are proud of him.

TRIBUTE TO RON GREENSTEIN

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the significant achievements of a gentleman who has shown great leadership throughout the State of Florida, Representative Ron Greenstein, who will soon be completing his last term in the Florida Legislature.

Throughout his career, Representative Greenstein has stood out as a devoted supporter of environmental, health care, hunger and economic causes. He has championed issues for senior citizens, fought to protect Florida's water resources and advocated for the legislation of video lottery terminals. He displayed profound dedication to children's hunger causes with his 2004 IMAGINE specialty tag bill, which provided funding for food banks throughout the State, and his 2005 Children's Summer Nutrition Act, which drew down nearly \$104 million to implement summer feeding programs for disadvantaged children.

A passionate advocate of environmental reform, Representative Greenstein has served as Executive Director of the Broward County Resource Recovery Board, which promotes solid waste management, conservation of energy and recycling. He has recently been honored with the "Legislative Leadership Award" by the Florida Association of Food Banks and has been acknowledged as the "Favorite Legislator" by the Silver-Haired Legislature. An active and dedicated member of the South Florida community, Ron has served as Chairperson of the Broward Alliance and Broward County Welfare Reform Committee, and has held a position in the Board of Directors of the North Broward Chamber of Commerce and the SOS Children's Village in Broward County.

Today, I congratulate Representative Greenstein on his exemplary work and thank him for his unwavering commitment and determination throughout his career as an elected official of the State of Florida.

COAL-TO-LIQUID FUEL ENERGY ACT OF 2006

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, while other industrialized countries have embraced weaning themselves off imported oil by commercializing coal-to-liquid fuel technologies for transportation fuels, the United States has lagged behind in this endeavor as it has with other alternative fuels primarily due to the lack of will and the price of oil.

South Africa, for instance, at its Sasol facilities, is meeting 30 percent of its liquid fuel requirements through coal liquefaction using a technology originally developed in Germany

during the 1920s. Worldwide oil prices are now at a level that would make more attractive investments in large-scale coal-to-liquid fuel facilities in this country. However, as evident with other alternative fuels such as ethanol, federal incentives will be necessary in order to sustain this type of an effort over the long-term.

The "Coal-to-Liquid Fuel Energy Act of 2006" proposes to take an omnibus approach to the commercialization of coal liquefaction technology by stimulating the production, marketing, and use of coal-to-liquid fuels. The bill would:

Amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to explicitly make commercial coal-to-liquid fuel facilities eligible under that law's energy project loan guarantee program.

Establish a loan program within the Department of Energy to commercialize coal-to-liquid fuel facilities.

Authorize as the Energy Secretary deems appropriate the purchase of coal-to-liquid fuels for Strategic Petroleum Reserve purposes.

Extend through 2020 the availability of the alternative fuel excise tax credit for coal-to-liquid fuels authorized by the 2005 federal highway and transit reauthorization legislation (SAFETEA-LU).

HONORING ARNOLD B. GARDNER, ROOT-STIMSON AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Arnold B. Gardner, a determined and dedicated leader in the advancement of quality and accessible education, as the recipient of the Root-Stimson Award, presented recently by the New York State Bar Association for outstanding community service.

I can think of no one more deserving as Arnold Gardner for this prestigious award. Mr. Gardner is well-known for his volunteer service across the state and as a "champion of public education," according to Jeremiah J. McCarthy, president of the Erie County Bar Association.

Mr. Gardner is indeed a champion whose advocacy on behalf of public education spans almost four decades. From 1969–1977, he was a member and served as president of the Buffalo Board of Education. He was appointed to a statewide task force on teacher education and certification in the late 1970s.

In 1980, he was appointed to the Board of Trustees for SUNY during which time he served as a vice chairman. Following 19 years of service on the SUNY Board, he was elected to the New York State Board of Regents in 1999 where he oversees Kindergarten through 12th grade education, higher learning and professional practices. Re-elected in 2004, Mr. Gardner will remain a Regent until 2009.

Mr. Gardner's commitment to community service extends to his membership on the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute and the National Council of the American Jewish Committee where he served as National Vice President. He is also a Trustee of the New York State Archives Partnership Trust and previously served as a

member of the New York State Holocaust Memorial Commission. He was recognized in 1997 with the Meritorious Service Award from the New York State NAACP, and in 1988, he and his wife, attorney Sue Gardner, were honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Now, a senior partner at the Kavinoky Cook law firm, where he joined after he graduated from Harvard Law in 1953, Mr. Gardner continues to find a balance between his passion for both law and education. In addition to being regarded as one of the best corporate lawyers in the nation, he remains as a pioneer in advancing educational issues in Buffalo and New York State.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Gardner provides us all with a model of how our convictions can extend into all facets of our lives—our career, family, community. A Life magazine article about Harvard Law School inspired Mr. Gardner to follow his dream of becoming a lawyer, but he didn't lose sight of his other passions—a passion for education and community service. On behalf of the Western New York community, I would like to congratulate Mr. Gardner and extend our best wishes to him and his entire family, for this outstanding achievement.

DEEP OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4761) to provide for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources on the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 4761.

Our country is facing a painful energy crisis as a result of the policies of this Administration and Congressional Leadership. The price of oil is as high as it has ever been, and the people in my district in North Carolina are suffering from these high energy prices. The American people desperately need effective new energy policies, but H.R. 4761 is simply more of the same failed solutions from the Republican majority in this body.

This legislation would override provisions in my State of North Carolina against offshore drilling, and eliminate a long-standing national moratorium on coastal drilling. I have never supported drilling off the Outer Continental Shelf that could threaten North Carolina's pristine beaches.

Instead of finding new solutions to our energy crisis, such as passing biofuels legislation that would encourage our farmers to grow our own fuel here at home, the Republican leadership chooses to put at risk the places all Americans hold dear.

Mr. Chairman, I will vote against H.R. 4761, and I urge my colleagues to vote against this bill.